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The 2019 Downtown Boise Holiday Event Guide
IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR

Christmas in the City is a magical time in the urban heart of beautiful Boise. It’s a time to gather with friends and family to celebrate community, giving and the holidays. We’ve put together your guide to this year’s downtown holiday happenings. Create a tradition in Downtown Boise for years to come! Happy Holidays from the members and merchants of the Downtown Boise Association.
HOLIDAY MARKETS

Saturdays, October 26 - December 21

CAPITAL CITY PUBLIC MARKET - 10:30 am - 2:30 pm; The Grove Plaza

This is Boise’s most unique shopping experience! Featuring local winter produce, fresh northwest cranberries, holiday wreaths and floral arrangements, Idaho specialty foods & wines, handmade cards, art, and so much more.

BOISE FARMERS MARKET - 9am - 1pm; Indoors at 1500 Shoreline Dr.

Shop inside at the Winter Market - Fresh salad greens, fresh and dried herbs, microgreens, onions, carrots, winter squash, potatoes, peppers, fresh and dried apples, honey, eggs, bread and pastries, gourmet meats and Alaskan salmon, and Idaho wines and ciders. Specialty products include Northwest cranberries, freshly ground polenta corn, dried beans, popcorn, maple syrup and maple sugar. One-stop shopping at the Indoor Boise Farmers Market!
The Holiday Parade is a Boise tradition and a source of pride for our community. This is its 71st year! Bring the family to this year’s parade to celebrate “The Most Wonderful Time of the Year” with Grand Marshal Dr. Bob Kustra, former President of BSU.
36TH ANNUAL ST. ALPHONSUS FESTIVAL OF TREES

Wednesday - Sunday, November 27-December 1; Boise Center
Gala: Tuesday, November 26; 5:30pm
Fashion Show: Monday, December 2; 11 am - 1:30 pm

Festival of Trees has become a favorite seasonal tradition for residents of the Treasure Valley. During Thanksgiving week, Boise Centre becomes home to a wonderland of holiday splendor, featuring hundreds of lavishly decorated Christmas trees, wreaths and inspirational decor. From its opening night black tie Gala to the Festival Fashion Show and North Pole Village, there is something for everyone to enjoy.

FESTIVAL OF TREES GENERAL EXHIBITION:

- Wednesday, November 27 – 10am – 9pm – Senior Day; Senior Tea – 1pm – 4pm
- Thursday, November 28 – 2pm – 9pm – Thanksgiving
- Friday, November 29 – 10am – 9pm - $1 off adult entry with Downtown Boise tree lighting candle cup
- Saturday, November 30 – 10am – 9pm – Family Day
- Sunday, December 1 – 10am – 9pm
HOLIDAY RUNS AND RIDES

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28; 9AM; CAPITOL & MAIN STREETS

Warm up your Thanksgiving appetite with the Turkey Day 5K! Turkey Day 5K Run Boise brings family and friends together to start the day in a healthy way. Come dressed the part, and join runners, joggers and walkers for this lighthearted run. Remember to please bring non-perishable food items to help us fill the Boise Rescue Mission and City Light Home for Women and Children pantries!

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23; 10AM - 5PM

Entraining and a good cause! Cranksgiving is a Thanksgiving-themed scavenger hunt on bicycles for a cause. On Saturday, November 23rd teams will use their own and Boise GreenBikes to gather a list of items to fill Thanksgiving food boxes distribution to families in need throughout the Treasure Valley. Last year the event provided Thanksgiving food boxes for 43 families.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 21; 10AM; BOISE HIGH SCHOOL

Celebrate the holiday season as a family by running or walking together. ’Tis the season for bells, holiday costumes, carolers and Santa! Join us for the Christmas Run Presented by Saint Alphonsus. The race starts and finishes in Downtown Boise at Boise High School. Enjoy hot soup from Create Common Good and Boise Co-Op and bagels from Blue Sky at the finish line.
DOWNTOWN BOISE
TREE LIGHTING

PRESENTED BY IDAHO CENTRAL CREDIT UNION -
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 6:00 - 6:30PM; THE GROVE
PLAZA

The Tree Lighting is a Downtown Boise Tradition! Boise
Mayor Bieter lights up the holiday tree in The Grove Plaza
in Downtown Boise, while families in attendance sing carols
and join in the candle lighting ceremony. The community
is invited to attend this traditional event that lights up
downtown and welcomes the holiday season to the Treasure
Valley.

Giving Tree - Colored tags around the base of the Christmas
Tree display needed items for the Women’s and Children’s
Alliance shelters, child care center and facilities. Pick up a tag
and drop items of before December 20.
EACH YEAR, 350 LAMP POSTS DOWNTOWN ARE WRAPPED IN CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY DOWNTOWN BOISE

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS DOWNTOWN

EMPTY BOWLS FRIDAY, NOV. 29; 10AM – 1:30PM; THE GROVE PLAZA

Throughout the year we collect handcrafted and hand-painted bowls from professional and amateur artisans, students, and studios. The event offers the opportunity to select a unique bowl from thousands and then enjoy a hot bowl of soup generously donated by one of several of our finest local restaurants.

IDAHO STATE CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING
MONDAY, DEC. 2; 5PM; IDAHO STATE CAPITOL

Program starts at 5:30pm and the tree lighting ceremony begins at 6.

CLAUS ‘N’ PAWS SATURDAY, DEC. 7; 10AM - 5PM; ZOO BOISE

Join Zoo Boise for Claus ‘N’ Paws, a FREE admission day. Santa Claus will visit the zoo for photo opportunities (for a small donation which benefits zoo programs). There will also be holiday crafts, face painting, and don’t miss the animal residents receiving their holiday gifts.
DOWNTOWN CARRIAGE RIDES

EVERY FRIDAY AND SATURDAY FROM NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 21: 4 PM - 8 PM; WASHINGTON TRUST BANK

Enjoy a free Horse Drawn Carriage Ride and hot cocoa in Downtown Boise, courtesy of Washington Trust Bank! Rides depart from Washington Trust Bank at 901 W Bannock St. (corner of 9th and Bannock).

OLD BOISE N-SCALE
MODEL RAILROADERS & SANTA

TRAINS: SATURDAYS BETWEEN THANKSGIVING AND NEW YEAR’S FROM 10AM-5PM & DECEMBER 5TH FIRST THURSDAY

SANTA: SATURDAYS, THANKSGIVING WEEKEND - SATURDAY BEFORE CHRISTMAS; NOON-4PM & DECEMBER 5TH FIRST THURSDAY

OLD BOISE, PIONEER TENT BUILDING, 106 N 6TH ST
BOISE CLASSIC MOVIES
HOLIDAY EDITION

EGYPTIAN THEATRE, 700 W MAIN STREET - ALL SHOWINGS AT 7PM

The Egyptian Theatre is proud to present Boise Classic Movies; experience a family favorite on the big screen this year. Tickets available at boiseclassicmovies.com.

SATURDAY, NOV. 30:  ELF (4:15PM & 8PM)

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, DEC. 4 & 5:  WHITE CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DEC. 7:  MUPPET CHRISTMAS CAROL

TUESDAY, DEC. 10:  DIE HARD

THURSDAY & FRIDAY, DEC. 12 & 13:  A CHRISTMAS STORY

SATURDAY, DEC. 14:  HOME ALONE (3:30PM & 7PM)

TUESDAY, DEC. 17:  IT’S A WONDERFUL LIFE

THURSDAY, DEC. 19:  LOVE ACTUALLY

FRIDAY, DEC. 20:  CHRISTMAS VACATION (6:15PM & 9:30PM)

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PERFECT GIFTS FOR EVERYONE ON YOUR LIST

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30; DOWNTOWN BOISE

Kick off the holiday shopping season on Small Business Saturday, November 30, by supporting small businesses in Downtown Boise. Pick up your Small Business Saturday Downtown Boise Passport and be entered to win cool prizes and gift cards from your favorite places!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5: 4PM-9PM; THE LINEN BUILDING

Buy Idaho 8th Annual Holiday Market. Join us for holiday festivities and fun in Downtown Boise. Enjoy live music while you sip and shop from over 30 local businesses. Make it an Idaho Holiday!

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5; 5PM - 9PM; DOWNTOWN BOISE

Experience Downtown Boise at its finest as retailers, galleries, and restaurants entertain you with a variety of mini-events. Best of all—it’s free! Find a map & listings of locations at downtownboise.org.
Downtown Boise’s City Santa is a holiday tradition for Boise families. Presented by D.L. Evans Bank, you can find Santa at the D.L. Evans downtown branch at 9th & Main Streets at the following times:

**Saturday, December 7, 14, 21; 10am - 2pm**
**First Thursday, December 5; 6pm - 8pm**

Photos with Santa are free. Donations raise funds for the Women’s and Children’s Alliance. And the smiles Santa brings... they’re priceless.
CHRISTMAS MUSIC IN THE CITY

From professional musicians performing breath-taking classical pieces and holiday favorites, to community student musicians in the State House, you’ll find plenty of opportunities to hear some of your seasonal favorites!

BOISE PHILHARMONIC HANDEL’S MESSIAH
Friday, 12/6 8pm
Saturday, 12/7 8pm

A cherished holiday tradition. Bring the whole family and your friends to experience Boise Philharmonic’s annual performance of Handel’s Messiah in the beautiful St. John’s Cathedral. For tickets call 344-7849 or boisephil.org.

BOISE PHILHARMONIC HOLIDAY POPS
Saturday, Dec. 14
7:30 pm Morrison Center

Holiday cheer is in the air in Boise! Join us for our traditional celebration of the holiday season, featuring the full Boise Phil and Master Chorale with guest conductor, Charles Latshaw.

BOISE HIGH CHOIR & ORCHESTRA
Thurs. December 19
6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Boise High Choir and Orchestra students at the Idaho State Capitol for a beautiful and free concert.
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BOISE TUBA CHRISTMAS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7; 4 PM; IDAHO CAPITAL ROTUNDA

Boise’s TubaChristmas has been an ongoing community gathering of tuba and euphonium musicians since 1992. Members of this unique ensemble include student musicians from local high schools, middle schools, and colleges/universities, as well as adult musicians from a variety of professions.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6; 7:30-9:30PM; MORRISON CENTER MAIN HALL

Celebrate the season with this yearly tradition for music lovers in the Treasure Valley! Visit www.MorrisonCenter.com for more information.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24; 7:30PM; CENTURYLINK ARENA

A community choir and orchestra of about 350 musicians have been organized to present this event. Open seating, no tickets required. Doors open at 6:30. Free to the public. Bring the entire family! Guests are invited to make a monetary donation to the Idaho Foodbank at the event.

17TH ANNUAL HYMN OF THANKSGIVING
Ballet Idaho’s beloved holiday classic, now with all new sets and costumes! Join us as we celebrate the season in glittering fashion - a joyful and elegant holiday party for the children, magical and playful mice, and the Nutcracker doll’s transformation into the handsome prince, who guides Clara through a beautiful swirling snow scene to the land of the Sugar Plum Fairy. Over 100 children from the Ballet Idaho Academy will grace the stage with our professional company members for a larger than life, not to be missed production.
HIGH EXCITEMENT
SPORTS DOWNTOWN

Idaho Steelheads Hockey

November - March; CenturyLink Arena; IdahoSteelheads.com

Famous Idaho Potato Bowl

Friday, January 3; 1:30PM; Albertsons Stadium, Boise State University; FamousIdahoPotatoBowl.com

Mountain West Football Championship

Saturday, December 7; 2PM; Boise State Broncos vs. Hawaii Rainbow Warriors

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**CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY DOWNTOWN BOISE**

**CHRISTMAS DAY; 10AM - 3PM; OLD CHICAGO RESTAURANT 730 W IDAHO ST**

Over 1,000 of Boise’s homeless and displaced guests will arrive at Old Chicago for a Christmas Day celebration. Each guest will receive a warm welcome and an extraordinary dining experience. New gifts of warm clothing, toys, books, school supplies and blankets will be distributed.

**MIRACLE ON IDAHO STREET**

**DOWNTOWN BOISE CHRISTMAS CHURCH WALK**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26; 3 PM - 5:30 PM; DOWNTOWN**

Enjoy a self-guided walking tour to look at the Christmas decorations, hear special music, and view the various architectural styles of the churches. You are invited to bring your friends and the walk can begin at any of the participating churches: Capitol City Christian Church, First Presbyterian Church, Immanuel Lutheran Church, St. John’s Roman Catholic Cathedral, St. Michael’s Episcopal Cathedral, and First Methodist Church.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 & MONDAY, DECEMBER 23; 7:30PM; EGYPTIAN THEATRE**

**14TH ANNUAL XTREME HOLIDAY XTRAVAGANZA**

The yearly rollicking madcap holiday variety show returns with scores of Idaho acts and oodles of Idaho talent. Hosted by Curtis Stigers & Produced by W/Peterson Productions. All proceeds go to benefit Interfaith Sanctuary Homeless Shelter.

**NEW YEAR’S EVE; 3PM - 1AM; IDAHO STATE CAPITOL**

Idaho’s signature holiday event that can only be truly experienced LIVE at the Idaho State Capitol! The Idaho® Potato Drop is a free and charitable community event that supports local arts, business and charities.
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